

Run-on sentences and comma splices are common they can be easily fixed.

Can you see the mistake in the sentence above?

The sentence has two separate ideas, which are:

1. Run-on sentences and comma splices are common
2. they can be easily fixed

If there are two ideas in one sentence, we have to split them up with punctuation and linking words. The examples below will show you how to do that.

1. Simply separate the two ideas with a full stop

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2. Use a comma and a conjunction (but, yet, so, etc)

Run-on sentences and comma splices are common, **but** they can be fixed easily.

3. Use a semi-colon, which we can use in place of but, yet, so etc.

Run-on sentences and comma splices are common; they can be fixed easily.

4. Create a new sentence using a new linking word (even though, when, as soon as)

Even though run-on sentences and comma splices are common, they can be fixed easily.

Now you know how easy it is to correct your sentences try the work sheet on the next page. Oh no! I've done it again. Let me have one more go.

Now you know how easy it is to correct your sentences, so try the work sheet on the next page.

Got it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There are a number of ways to correct and arrange a sentence. If you are unsure, always check with someone or your teacher. Just remember that you can:

1. make two separate sentences with a full stop;
2. use a comma with a conjunction (but, yet, so, etc);
3. use a semi-colon in place of a comma and conjunction;
4. Create a new sentence with a linking word (even though, when, before, whenever, while, since, as, because, if etc)

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Try correcting the sentences below using the 4 way which are above.

1. Speaking English is easy I find writing it way more difficult.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2. The traffic in KL is horrendous the government should spend more on public transportation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

3. My lecturer is great she always explains things to us easily and gives us time to practice.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



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For the next examples choose one of the 4 methods to correct the sentences below. If you get stuck, look back at page 1 for the explanation and page 2 for lots more examples.



4. Steven didn't agree with the way the lesson was taught he found another teacher.

5. I learned to speak German by myself I haven't had a chance to use it yet.

6. The restaurant doesn't look so good there is rubbish outside and flies flying everywhere.

7. She really likes helping other students she often stays late after class to check their homework.

8. The car was broken into the woman's bag was stolen.

9. We have been really busy recently we have to finish the report edit the essay study for the test.

10. There are many advantages there are even more disadvantages.

11. Google is one of the biggest internet companies it was established 10 years ago.

12. The main cause of truancy among teenagers is their home life they may now have a strong parental figure to guide them.

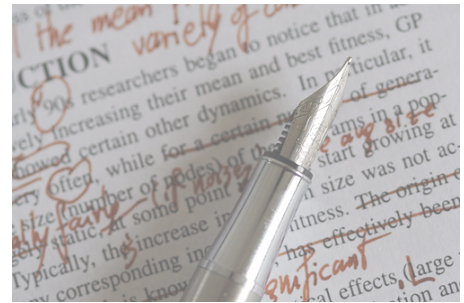
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13. Sydney is thought, by many, to be the capital of Australia Canberra became the capital in 1913.

14. Jeans were first created in 1873 by Jacob Davis and Levi Strauss they were used by cowboys and then became popular among teenagers in the 1950s.

15. A person can waste a great amount of time trying out different jobs before finding the right one it would be more advisable to talk to someone who can give you the right career advice.

Now you have learned all about run-on sentences and comma splices, look at one of your own essay and check it. If you find an example of a run-on sentence or comma splice, write the original version below and then the correction.



Your sentence: _____

Correction: _____

Your sentence: _____

Correction: _____

Your sentence: _____

Correction: _____

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